Punjab
Himachal Pradesh
Jammu & Kashmir.
Rajasthan
Gujarat
Madhya Pradesh
Tamil Nadu
Andhra Pradesh
OFFSHORE
West Coast
East Coast

(b) It is proposed to deploy 39 offshore rigs during the next three years as per derails, below: —

	Owned	Charter-hired	Total
Jackup	8	19	27
Drfllship	3	5	8
	11	24	35

Exploration of oil by ONGC in other countries

1332. SHRI BIRBHADRA PRATAP 'SINGH:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

WU1 the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC is planning to explore oil in other countries in collaboration with foreign firms; and

(b) if so, what are the details in ttie regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN- THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEJJM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b)' ONGC has been looking for exploration acreages abroad singly or jointly 4n, prospeptfve basins subject to exploration being economically viable, subject to approval of the Government of lndia.

Recently ONGC received offers for joint venture from IPC Dubai. and BHP Australia for exploratipn. in offshore Malaysia and offshore western Australia respectively. The offer pf IPC foi exploration in Malaysia off-shore was not taken up as the acreage was rot considered attractive.

Negotiation fey IOC with a private party for office accommodation

1333. SHRI EAMSINGBHAI PA-TALIYABHAl RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a faet that the Indian Oil. Corporation Limited does not have its own office building in the capital;

(b) if so, -what are the reasons tftprefor; and

(c) what are the reasons which pro mpted the Management of HOC Li mited to negotiate with a private party, *viz* Bharat Hotels, which is in dire financial crisis, for buyjng a space at an exorbitant cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL. GAS <SHRI RAFIQUE ALAMV: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does pot arise in view of (a) above;

(c) In order to meet the office re quirements of IPP's Northern Region, which could not he met from the space available with IOC then, the Comoanv advertised in 1983 calling for offers. The offers received in res ponse to this were- evaluated based en which office space was acquired in World Trade centre (Bharat Hotels) as their offer was found' most com petittve?